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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: LUDL -2

SERIAL NO.: 10/002,545

GROUP: 2872

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EXAMINER: T.Q.NGUYEN

TITLE: AUTOMATED SLIDE LOADER CASSETTE FOR MICROSCOPE

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

ATTN: MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated JUNE 12, 2003, for three months, from SEPTEMBER 12, 2003 to DECEMBER 12, 2003. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Small Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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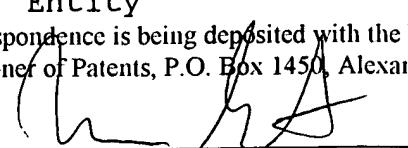
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Enclosure: 1) Check in the amount of \$475.00 for a Small Entity

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